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SUBJECT: INDIA CONTINUES TO PURSUE NICKUNJ GRAPHITE CASE

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Classified By: PolCouns Ted Osius for Reasons 1.4 (B,D)

(S) PolOffs delivered reftel points March 12 to Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) Director for Disarmament and International Security (DISA) Jayant Khobragade, who stated that the Government of India (GOI) continued to look into the matter of the Nickunj Graphite case. Though he had nothing new to report, he indicated that the GOI would produce a reply to the reftel points soon, assuring PolOffs that the GOI was diligently pursuing the case. Khobragade thanked PolOffs for the new information regarding the Sahand Aluminum Parts Industrial Company's (SAPICO) involvement as a cover for the Shahid Hemmat Industrial Group (SHIG), and indicated that it would help the government's case.

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